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Minutes: June 4, 2026, 10:00 am via Zoom and at the Township of Perry Municipal Office

Present: Rod Ward (Chair), Margaret Ann MacPhail, Sean Cotton, Brad Kneller, Jim Ronholm, Cheryl Philip, Tom Bryson, Luke Preston, (Secretary), Craig White (alternate McMurrich Monteith).

Regrets: Vicky Roeder-Martin (Vice- Chair), Delynne Patterson, Norm Hofstetter.

Guest: Greg Stevens, Marsha Barnes, Deb Raynard, Cheryl Harrison, Courtney Metcalf, & Sandy Zurbrigg

Called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair R. Ward

1. 2026-16 Moved by Tom Bryson - Seconded by Cheryl Phillip.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adopt the minutes from the regular meeting of May 7, 2026 as circulated. Carried.

2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OF INTEREST:** None

3. **DELEGATIONS:** None

4. **RESOLUTIONS PASSED:**

2026-17 Moved by Margaret Ann MacPhail - Seconded by Cheryl Philip

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council approve the summer meeting day of August 6, 2026.

5. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

- a) **MAHC Update | C. Harrison**

MAHC awaits provincial for capital development (CD) and this summer will be connecting with residents/visitors throughout the region. An information update on the oncology clinic was provided. Discussion of new hours for Burk's Falls X-Ray Clinic.

- b) **Almaguin Highlands FHT Update | D. Raynard**

The FHT continues to work on its unattached patient list (~500), is close to 5,000 in rostering, is creating an annual operating plan, and has connected with the AHHC chairs to discuss the longstanding PCP number question.

- c) **Patient Family Caregivers | S. Zurbrigg**

The MAOHT PFCPAC continues to seek additional members, participated in the Belonging Without Borders Fair (May 7th), will be participating in the WISE Healthy Living Fair (June 11th), and asked that if any meeting participants have palliative care experience stories to share to please send them to her.

d) **AHHC Infographic | C. Metcalfe**

The infographic has been shared with positive feedback from municipal councils as well as the West Parry District Council.

e) **Muskoka Almaguin OHT | Meeting with Dr. Jane Philpott | M. Barnes & G. Stevens**

Overview of the outcomes and key messages from the MAOHT meeting with Dr. Philpott in May 2026 including RNPGA contract challenges in Almaguin Highlands. Items of concern included compensation for physicians for taking people off the HCC list, AMO 2026 delegations, and a record of AHHC resolution to address challenges.

f) **Proposal under consideration by the Sundridge & District Medical Centre related to the Northeaster Ontario Mobile Cancer Screening Unit | J. Ronholm**

Overview of invitation for a mobile unit and requirements with a discussion on implementation options. Will request a 'spec sheet' with space requirements, timeline, as well as the types of cancer screenings that can be done. D. Raynard will reach out to S. MacKinnon to gather additional information.

g) **Local Share Reserve Funds Discussion – Hospital Foundation Feedback | R. Ward**

Discussion of what happens with the AHHC local share, upcoming Council changes & commitments, what other municipalities are doing, and potential options.

h) **Bruce Campbell (former AHHC chair) | R. Ward.**
Information shared on the passing of Bruce Campbell, former chair of AHHC. [Passing and Celebration of Life](#).

i) **Confirmation of Summer Meeting of AHHC | R. Ward**

It was agreed that there would be no meeting in July.

2026-17 Moved by Margaret Ann MacPhail - Seconded by Cheryl Philip
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6. ADJOURNMENT

2026-18 Moved by Margaret Ann MacPhail - Seconded by J. Ronholm
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adjourn at 11:06 am to meet again on August 6, 2026, at 10:00 am at Perry Township. Carried.